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THE NEW RAILROAD.

The interview published in this paper recently from Col. E. W. Dubois regarding the progress of plans for the proposed Gulf, New Mexico & Pacific railroad carries considerable assurance to the most skeptical. Colonel Dobson, who has been closely in touch with the railroad plans, has returned from the east with the statement that plans on this side have been practically completed and the promoters now are on the way to Paris with the proposition in clean and definite form to close with the men who are to put up the money. Mr. Dobson's statement is frank and free from "hot air;" he does not say that dirt is to be flying by February, but the conservatives give it added weight. Millions of dollars by the dozen are not raised in a few minutes and one of the biggest railroad construction enterprises ever planned cannot be carried through in a day.

The situation looks to The Herald decidedly promising; far more so than it ever has before during the years of effort to get the project out of litigation and on its financial feet.

In this connection we should not forget that Albuquerque so far has failed to give the demonstration of its own good faith which will at least serve to advertise the enterprise of this city, namely, the subscribing of a bonus to be paid when trains are running on the proposed railroad. Roswell has already appointed a committee which has set about securing pledges for a similar bonus and Albuquerque should hold her end, once the railroad is built there will be no difficulty in easily raising this bonus, for which we should get far more than value received; in the meanwhile it costs nothing to promise the money and will show that our heart is in the right place.

EYESIGHT AND AUTOMOBILE DRIVERS.

Owing to the rapidly increasing numbers of automobiles, used for business as well as pleasure purposes, every state should require that all applicants for a license to drive a motor vehicle pass an eyesight test. All railroads and many electric car line companies require such a test. Yet, in the great majority of states, the prospective drivers of an automobile need only claim in his application that he has no physical or mental infirmities. When one stops to consider that a railroad engineer drives over a steel track, guarded by signals and watchmen, and over a route with which he is thoroughly familiar, whereas the autoist drives over any road he chooses, not protected by lights and signals, and in some cases traveling almost as rapidly as a locomotive, it is plainly imperative that he possess as good sight as the man in the engine can, says the Journal of the American Medical Association. If one eye is highly defective the field of vision is greatly impaired and the driver less able to maneuver his car in an emergency. Paris, London and other European cities have seen the necessity of an examination of the eyes of all taxi-drivers and are strict in the enforcement of this protective measure. It is more than likely that defective vision is next in order of frequency to the oversize of alcohol drinks as a cause of automobile accidents. We can and should, protect pedestrians and drivers of vehicles from injury to a much greater extent than we do. Each applicant for a license to drive a motor vehicle should be required to give satisfactory proof of at least moderately good vision.

THE BEST PROSPERITY TALK.

Few statements have been more encouraging to New Mexico business circles than that by a prominent wholesale grocer of the state now here in attendance upon the state meeting of the grocers. He reports a steady and most gratifying increase in buying on the part of the retailers, an infallible indication of "growing" conditions among the people of New Mexico. This development in business follows a season of restricted and cautious buying in the year 1913—a season which makes the situation as much the more favorable for a growth in business in the year just opening.

Most significant and most encouraging of all is the statement that while a depression existed in the past year, there were no serious failures.

very few of any kind—collections were good and a general conservatism prevailed which laid a splendid foundation for the advance which is following the readjustment of business in the nation. We are in fine shape to meet the increased demands of business as a result of going slow through the slack period, to put it briefly. This man is right in touch with the food supply—he knows what is doing in this end of business which comes home to every one of us. He says we are on the up-grade, and there is no discounting the statement.

WE OWE HIM THANKS.

The Herald would like to take occasion to express its appreciation and the appreciation of the people of the work S. E. Busser, superintendent of the Santa Fe Reading Room association, is doing toward providing the people of Albuquerque with first-class clever, wholesome entertainment. This season's attractions are just a little bit better than the fine ones brought here in previous seasons, and Mr. Busser's tireless efforts to get the very best for the railroad men and the general public along the Santa Fe lines are resulting in giving the people of the southwest unusual opportunities of mental profit. This is one of the most commendable features of the big railway corporations' highly commendable work in behalf of the amusement and entertainment of its employees—a policy which cannot fail to have a splendid effect upon the morale and efficiency of the men. Meanwhile the general public gets the benefit of it all.

THE NEW SHOPS.

Bids for the construction of the new two million dollar Santa Fe shops in Albuquerque were opened yesterday at Amarillo, Texas, preliminary to awarding the contracts.

This is a bit of news. It is not speculation, promise nor glittering generalities.

The ground is enclosed and all ready; the plans are complete; the bids are being examined for one of the biggest pieces of railroad construction in the country—at Albuquerque. Mr. Doubting Thomas, this item of news is furnished for your respectful consideration and deliberation.

Paste it in your hat—and begin to boast for the most important railroad point on the Santa Fe system between Topeka and the coast.

IT MAY BREAK THE ICE.

The unusually cordial offerings of sympathy and aid made by President Wilson on behalf of the United States to Japan in the present emergency, when thousands of homeless refugees from the volcano-stricken district must be cared for, are timely. The ring of sincere condolence and desire to aid in the messenger sent by the president cannot fail to penetrate the armor of reserve and hostility with which the Jap has clothed himself since the beginning of the international exchanges regarding California alien land laws. Peaceful and mutually satisfactory adjustment of the difficulty is likely to be greatly expedited as an indirect result of the catastrophe which has overtaken the country around Sakura-Jima, the fire mountain whose eruption will rank among the world's great disasters.

Geese and ducks are eating up the wheat crop in Oregon. We are likely to lose some of our valued residents in Albuquerque. It is hard for a man with the shotgun bug to stay away from a place where they fly in clouds.

Last year the great American people drank 50,000,000 gallons of whiskey, smoked 4,980,000,000 cigars and 8,712,000,000 cigarettes in six months. Our national jug is getting to be one of the seven wonders of the world.

With astonishment, not unmixed with amazement and trepidation, we note the announcement from Washington that Huerta is in a fair way to be eliminated.

There is one good thing about Governor Blease, though: he doesn't compare himself with Lincoln.

Why does anybody go to the North Pole when he can stay in New York and freeze to death?

It might be well to complete the tests of Alaskan coal before building those federal railways.

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system.

Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Drug-gists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

JABS**IN THE SOLAR PLEXUS**

BY TOM YONSON.

Then and Now.
When Shakespeare wrote: "The play's the thing."

Dramatic art was all the go. But writers nowadays must sing.

The praises of the picture show.

—Youngstown Telegram.

When Shakespeare wrote: "The play's the thing."

Producers were not wot to vex

The public taste by offering.

These putrid travesties of Sex.

—Picaria Journal.

When Bill, deceased, got off that junk

That "Plays the Thing" between-

—ast spid.

He'd never seen an awful punk

Time-worn and ragged-edged

"Camiles."

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IF A NEW YORK woman routed some gunmen with a broom, what could she do with a rolling pin?

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THE EXPERIENCE of the Pole

who swallowed pearls for pills shows

that Cleopatra wasted time in dissolving hers.

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The Cynic.

Water iced with olives!

Gracious, hear it blow!

House chock full of shivers—

Gas is burning low.

Cook in kitchen grumbling.

Wife in distress;

Frozen pipes are rumbling.

Nice old season, yes?

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W. R. Rose, in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

And the poor mutt never had sense enough to come to New Mexico.

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JUDD LEWIS explains the fact that

the Eskimos have one more joint in

their backbone than we on the principle that they need it to get up on

those cold mornings than we do.

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AT THIS distance, the story of the man who held up the Pullman car near Chicago sounds very humorous. It's all in the point of view. We doubt if the gentlemen in the berths can see how an undesirable, in any way undesirable, is any the less undesirable if he is a hussy one.

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THEY ARE going to have another one of those "deciding battles," this time at Torreon. In Mexico decis-

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METHINKS the Gov. doth protest too much.

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EVERYBODY is a wicked politi-

cian but Me.

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Progress at New Mexico State Experiment Station

From the Report of the United States Office of Experiment Stations

the whole push go to hell together." year included systematic work and various investigations on the life history and habits of injurious and beneficial insects. Among the insects studied were the grape leaf hopper; onion thrip; alfalfa thrip; a new lepidopterous pest of cantaloupes; a fly, three coleopterous pests infecting castor; parasites of various larvae of Lepidoptera; a Sciarid and aphid-infesting loco; cornworm; a Bosciafly larva in mesquite; mosquitoes; meal moths and beetles; and the beneficial ground beetles and collembolans.

The chemist, in co-operation with the United States geological survey, studied the composition of the soils and waters of the Tularosa basin. This study included the complete analyses of 11 streams, 32 springs, and surface bodies of water, together with the analyses of from 230 to 300 samples from wells located in different parts of the basin. Seventy-three samples of soil were examined to determine the amount and character of the alkali, including the salts of lime, magnesia and soda. In this work an effort was made to determine the combinations that exist between the acid and basic radicals that constitute the salts. A bulletin on the composition of some New Mexico waters, with a discussion of their fitness for irrigation and domestic purposes, was completed during the year.

The publication received from this station during the year were as follows: Bulletins, 1906-1910; 76, Tests of Centrifugal Pumps; 78, Alfalfa and Corn for Fatting Lambs; 80, A Study of the Carbohydrates in the Prickly Pear and Its Fruits; 81, The Grasses and Gramineous Plants of New Mexico; 82, Growing Onion Seed; and the Annual Report for 1911.

The income of the station during the past fiscal year was as follows:

United States appropriation, Hatch act \$15,000.00

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Farm products 1,865.81

Fees 255.42

Balance from previous year 1,765.71

Total \$33,529.94

The New Mexico station made substantial progress in its lines of experimentation, and so far as its funds permitted in the general improvement of its equipment. The station work is gradually becoming better systematized and is increasing in amount and in grade.

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